REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 16, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, Claims 1-15 and 51, drawn to methods for treating vasomotor symptoms comprising, *inter alia*, the continuous and uninterrupted administration of a first dose of an estrogenic compound; the continuous and uninterrupted administration of a first dose of a progestin agent; and the continuous and uninterrupted administration of a second dose of a progestin agent. Applicant has withdrawn Invention II, Claims 42-50, drawn to a method for preventing endometrial hyperplasia which comprises the continuous and uninterrupted administration of a first and second dose of a progestin agent. This election is made without traverse as Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

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